

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 30, 2007

TO: Ms. Sharon L. Summers, DMMA
Policy and Program Development Unit

FROM: Daniese McMullin-Powell, Chairperson
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: DSS Proposed Food Stamp “Household” Regulation [11 DE Reg. 25 (July 1, 2007)]

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) reviewed the Division of Social Services proposal to amend the Food Stamp regulation defining “household”. As the “Summary” section recites, the impetus behind this initiative is a June 12, 2006 USDA policy letter. The SCPD endorses this proposed legislation.

The policy letter authorizes a “severely disabled” applicant to qualify as a separate “household” under the Food Stamp program if the applicant arranges for another (even cohabiting) individual to purchase and prepare the applicant’s food. This is advantageous to the person with a disability since the income of the other cohabiting individual(s) would not be counted towards the financial eligibility of the person with a disability. The proposed regulatory change to §9013.1 is well written and consistent with the policy letter.

Thank you for your consideration; and please contact SCPD if you have any questions or comments regarding our observations on the proposed regulation.

Cc: Mr. Harry Hill
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